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COPENHAGEN AND PARIS FOR LABATT

E.O.11652: NA
TAGS: ELAB PGOV TS
SUBJ: ACHOUR RESIGNS FROM PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS WELL
AS FROM POLITICAL BUREAU

DURING EVENING DEC 10 IT BECAME KNOWN THAT HABIB ACHOUR
HAD RESIGNED MEMBERSHIP IN PSD CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT SAME
TIME HE QUIT POLITICAL BUREAU. ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS
PRESENT AT AMILCAR HOTEL MEETING SITE, PUBLIC RELEASE OF
TEXT OF ACHOUR'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION WAS DELAYED PENDING
EXPECTED REPLY FROM PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. THIS REPLY NEVER
CAME AND LETTER WAS FINALLY RELEASED TO PRESS CORPS AROUND
6 P.M.

2. LETTER, DATED DEC 10, ADDRESSED TO BOURGUIBA AS
PARTY PRESIDENT, READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: IT IS WITH GREAT EMOTION THAT I GIVE YOU TODAY AFTER
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MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF WELL DONE MILITANCY MY RESIGNATION AS
MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU AND OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE PARTY.
QUOTE I WILL CONTINUE TO ALWAYS TO SERVE, OUTSIDE OF THE
PARTY, THE HIGHER INTEREST OF THE NATION.
QUOTE PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT OF THE DESTOURIAN
SOCIALIST PARTY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

HABIB ACHOUR END QUOTE.

3. AS OF MORNING DEC 11 ACHOUR'S RESIGNATION HAS YET TO BE COMMENTED UPON BY TUNISIAN RADIO OR TV ALTHOUGH IT WAS MENTIONED IN RADIO ARABIC LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF MORNING PRESS. ALL PAPERS CARRY STORY AS WELL AS TEXT OF UGTT NATIONAL COUNCIL'S FIRST COMMUNIQUE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM JOURNALISTIC SOURCES THAT YESTERDAY EVENING ACHOUR, RESPONDING TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE HAD QUIT PARTY ALSO, ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE, ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THIS DID NOT MEAN HE HAD TO FOLLOW PARTY DISCIPLINE. FOR DEPARTMENT'S EARLY INFORMATION, FINAL NATIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE DID NOT CALL FOR UGTT MEMBERSHIP QUITTING PARTY EN BLOC NOR FOR FORMATION OF LABOR PARTY. ACHOUR WAS QUESTIONED ON THIS AND REPLIED THAT "WE DID NOT WANT TO USE ALL OF OUR AMMUNITION AT SAME TIME." EMBASSY WILL SEND SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THIS LONG AND COMPLEX DOCUMENT BY SEPTEL. MULCAHY

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